

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application : COSTELLO
For : TAILGATE STABILIZER
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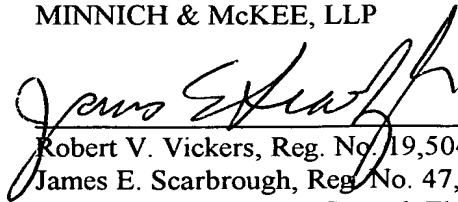
Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed April 3, 2003, Examiner Kramer required an election in the subject application to one of four different claim sets. Applicant elects species 1: Figures 1-6. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 13 read on the embodiment shown in Figures 1-6.

Respectfully submitted,

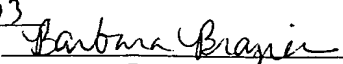
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